

## ROAD PROJECT

### Sixty-Five Men at Work Wednesday on Initial Work Near Mt. Pleasant; Sewing Room Employs 15 Women.

Initial work on the PWA project of graveling 109.63 miles of mail and school bus routes in Precinct 2, which involves an expenditure of \$154,298.50, was started Monday morning when Commissioner Canon put more than 50 men to work on that portion of Route 1 out of Tye near the Mt. Pleasant school house. The number had been increased to 65 by Wednesday. Use of 98 men is permitted on this project.

Wages paid under PWA terms for this work are based on \$24.00 per man per month, embracing 140 hours, or 20 days of 7 hours each. Truck drivers get \$36.00 on the same basis of hours, with pay of 50c per hour for truck.

Precinct 2, according to Commissioner Canon, has been divided into three zones for PWA work, the present project being known as zone 1.

When the entire program is going at full blast, a total of 382 men may be put to work.

Another PWA project in this territory, the first to get started, is the sewing room, located at the relief office in the Thornton building.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, a group of 12 women were enrolled under the supervision of Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, who is assisted by Mrs. Bess L. Rutledge. The number had been increased to 15 by Wednesday of this week, while a total of 26 may be employed under the allotment. The rate of pay is \$24.00 per month of 25 days.

The women have been sewing on dresses since work was started, chiefly children's and young ladies' sizes.

## Woodman Camp Holds Election of Officers

Annual election of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World held Tuesday night resulted in naming the following officers: W. L. Blair, council commander; Paul Stanford, advisory lieutenant; A. D. Fulton, banker; W. M. Elliott, clerk; Audrey Witcher, escort; John D. Jones, watchman; B. H. Hensley, sentry, and A. D. Barnes and D. J. Gibson, auditors.

Installation will take place at the first meeting in January.

## Largents Win 3 Places in Junior Bull Calves

Although in the money in every class of bulls entered in the International Live Stock show at Chicago, W. J. Largent has wired his father that best winnings of C. M. Largent and Sons were first, second and fourth junior bull calves.

The latter class included about 75 head.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Doliva Jane Johnson, 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnson, Dallas, drowned in a fish pond at her home.

At the state B. T. U. meeting at Dallas, Abilene was awarded the 1936 convention, R. A. Springer of Lubbock was chosen president.

Cotton receipts at Galveston have reached 1,401,946 bales for the season, as compared with 954,833 bales received at the same date last year.

Sam Gorman, merchant from Oakwood, was found by CCC searching parties after being lost 27 hours in a wild section of the Davis mountains.

A gift of \$110,000 to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, by Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hendrick of Abilene, was announced Saturday.

Governor James V. Allred Monday accepted appointment as honorary chairman in Texas of the committee for the president's birthday ball.

Potter and Sutton counties, first to hold local option elections in Texas since the legislature passed a liquor control act, voted wet in Saturday's balloting.

Six persons perished and eleven were injured, several critically, when a gas stove explosion at Fort Worth turned an apartment house into a blazing death trap.

Brady school patrons voted eight to one for the issuance of \$55,000 in bonds to be used with a PWA allotment of \$48,182 for construction of a new junior high school building.

Selection of Grace Noll Crowell of Dallas as poet laureate of Texas was announced by Rep. Albert G. Walker of Vernon, chairman of the legislative committee named to make the choice.

Highland cattle, bred by W. T. Jones, Marfa, and fed by Henry Harmsen and Sons, Teed's Grove, Iowa, won first and grand champion in fat carlot class at the International Live Stock show at Chicago.

John H. Gregory, superintendent of the McAllen public schools, was elected president of the Texas State Teachers association at its annual meeting in San Antonio when a count of the votes revealed that he defeated Miss Quata Woods of Dallas by only three votes.

Marking the 107th traffic victim in Dallas county this year, Mrs. H. E. Conder, 36, was found dead beside her wrecked automobile, but officers did not know whether she had been killed when her car was wrecked or whether she had been run over after having been thrown from the car.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Dye, Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman, White Flat, Thursday, Nov. 28, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, Friday, Nov. 29, 1935.

## CENTENNIAL RADIO ROUND-UP FROM ABILENE STAGE

### Event in West Texas Radio History When Program is Broadcast From Theatre in Abilene Monday Night.

When the "Texas Centennial Radio Round-Up" is produced publicly in Abilene Monday night, Dec. 9, and transmitted over a state-wide network, it will mark an event in radio broadcasting in West Texas as well as serving to further emphasize the Texas Centennial as a project statewide in every particular.

The regular schedule of Monday night Centennial programs originating in Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston will be interrupted for this special occasion, and the program, originating in Abilene, will be picked up by WBAP in Fort Worth by remote control and transmitted over the Texas Quality network.

Every effort is being turned to make the "Radio Round-Up" the most significant event in the history of West Texas airwaves. The Cowboy band, famous musical aggregation of Hardin-Simmons university, will play their most spirited numbers. Two West Texas newspapermen, Rufus Higgs, editor of the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, and Henderson Shuffler, editor of the Odessa News-Times, will deliver brief addresses describing the vital part West Texas will play in the forthcoming Texas Centennial celebrations.

Other outstanding radio talent will also appear on the program, it is announced by the radio department of the Texas Centennial state organization.

The radio program, to be produced from 10:30 until 11:30 p. m. on the stage of the Paramount Theatre, Abilene, will be free to the public.

## 400th Anniversary of The English Bible

In observance of the 400th anniversary of the English printed Bible, members of the Willing Workers and Builders classes and the woman's missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church have arranged a program for Wednesday night of next week, Dec. 11. The occasion will also be combined in a general assembly of the congregation for church night.

With Mrs. W. L. Diltz, president of the missionary society in charge, the following program will be carried out: song, scripture by Mrs. W. M. Elliott, song, prayer by Rev. R. A. Walker, "400 Years of the Printed Bible," Mrs. Diltz, "Early Translations," Mrs. J. R. Walling, duet, Alice Russell and Ethelda Tucker, "The Greatest of All Books," Mrs. John West, song, closing prayer, Mrs. Emory Jones.

The program will begin at 7:30 and at its conclusion a social hour will follow.

## Area Ginnings for 1935 Now Over 11,000 Bales

Area ginnings, as tabulated by The Mail Wednesday morning, had reached 11,346 bales for the season, including the turn out at the six gins in town and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair.

The report, covering a period from Tuesday of the previous week, accounted for 1,225 bales, with prospects for probably two more weeks of activity before the season slows down.

## Box Supper Friday, Dec. 6, at Butman

The Butman P. T. A. is sponsoring a box supper for Friday night of this week, Dec. 6, the proceeds to be used to pay for a piano.

A one-act drama will be presented and there will be other entertainment features on the program.

Every one is invited to come and enjoy themselves.

### Pledges League Support.

London, Dec. 5.—King George Tuesday pledged Great Britain to firm support of the League of Nations and urged recommended improvements in defense for the adequate safeguarding of the empire.

## WEATHER NO DETERRENT TO STOCK SHOW

### More Than Score of Entries Before Noon Thursday; Similar Interest in Poultry and Women's Divisions.

Undaunted by inclement weather, more than a score of stock breeders had already placed their entries with Superintendent W. E. Lowe of the stock division of the Merkel Stock and Poultry show and Trades Day, up to noon Thursday, with prospects that fifty more would be registered on the lot before entries closed Thursday.

Interest in the poultry division was equally manifest, as large numbers of birds were already caged in the coops at the time a representative of The Mail visited the poultry exhibit Thursday morning. A. R. Sharp and R. M. Ferguson were attending to details of entries, etc., during the day, while Superintendent Castle Ellis would be on the job later in the afternoon.

Due to the drizzling rain that fell practically all Thursday morning, the parade of live stock was abandoned, and, while no definite announcement was forthcoming, General Chairman Zehnpfennig stated that, if the owners desired, the parade might be staged Friday morning, weather permitting.

It's worth coming many miles to see the display of quilts, rugs and fancy work, cakes, breads and canned goods, flowers and sewing, as well as the several demonstrations arranged by the Merkel Home Demonstration club, of which Mrs. C. P. Church is chairman.

All three divisions of the show are housed in the former Clay Building Material quarters south of the railroad and admission is free to every one. The merchants of Merkel extend a general invitation to everybody to come and visit the show, which continues through the week.

## Blair School Plans Box Supper Dec. 13

The Blair school, of which C. R. Gates is principal, announces a box supper and entertainment for Friday night of next week, Dec. 13.

In addition to the box supper, a special musical program is being arranged.

Everybody is invited to come and participate in the evening's pleasure.

## Welcome for New Methodist Pastor

The new Methodist pastor, Rev. John H. Crow, was most happily welcomed by members of the congregation in an informal reception at the church on Tuesday night of last week.

A program of varied features was arranged by Mrs. R. A. Burgess as general chairman, at the conclusion of which sandwiches and hot chocolate were served in the church parlors.

While the members were assembling, Mary Jo Russell played several piano numbers, the program proper opening with a song by the congregation. This was followed by a prayer by Mrs. H. C. Williams, a reading by Mary Faye Johnson, a solo by Anne Lee Blake, a reading by Sue Grimes and a solo by Dorothy Lee Shannon.

The address of welcome by S. M. Hunter was responded to by Rev. Mr. Crow in happy manner, and then followed other selections including a duet by Miss Opal Buzbee and Fred Hughes, talks by Dr. W. M. Murrell and Roger A. Burgess, numbers by a trio, consisting of Mack Buzbee, Cyrus Pee and Fred Hughes, who answered repeated encores, and a solo by Miss Ethel Hamilton. The closing prayer was by Dr. M. Armstrong.

## Men's Bible Classes To Unite in Banquet

With Dr. E. B. Surface as the speaker for the occasion, more than 70 men are expected at the get-together banquet of the Men's Bible classes of the city scheduled for next Tuesday night, Dec. 10, at the Grace Presbyterian church.

As chairman of the program committee, Supt. R. A. Burgess announced Thursday that several entertainment features are planned.

## STREAMERS OF COLORED LIGHTS, CHRISTMAS TREE FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

## NAMED DIRECTOR STATE PENSIONS

### State Auditor Carpenter Gives Resume of Program to Be Followed.

Austin, Dec. 5.—"We are going to be fair to the old people of Texas," said the new pension chief this week.

Orville S. Carpenter, 36-year-old state auditor, was named executive director of the old-age assistance board, Nov. 20, by the new three-member commission. He will resign as auditor and take up his new duties when the pension law becomes effective Feb. 14.

"We are going into the matter carefully. I am studying the pension system of other states that have pension laws," he said.

Mr. Carpenter probably knows more about pensions than any other man in the state. At request of Governor Allred, Mr. Carpenter made a survey in September on the "Cost and General Plan for Old-Age Pensions." This was prepared for the legislature, and the new law reflects his survey in many ways.

The Dallas business man was appointed last August by the governor to reorganize the office of the state auditor. To the legislature, he made reports on pensions, liquor and fees. Other surveys were on taxation, bank deposit insurance and a number of lesser subjects. He is now conducting audits of the treasury and banking departments.

He estimated that there were 283,199 people in this state 65 years of age or older. Considering the experiences of other states, he calculated that there would probably qualify for old-age assistance in Texas 62,933 people.

"As there are 41,787 persons 65 years of age and over on the Texas relief rolls, this apparently is the minimum number able to qualify for old-age pensions," Mr. Carpenter stated.

"I am not sure about the reducing effect of the regulations passed by the 44th legislature. My calculations were made in September before the new law had been passed," he said.

### Trade Agreements Announced.

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt Tuesday formally proclaimed reciprocal trade agreements between the United States and Brazil, and the United States and Canada, to become effective Jan. 1.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 5, 1915.)

### NEW CHURCH WILL BE BUILT.

Thursday, while only a portion of the membership of the Presbyterian church were present at an afternoon Thanksgiving service, a move which had previously been started was given further advance by individual subscriptions for the purpose of building a new church here. In a very few moments \$2,070.00 was raised for the erection of a new Presbyterian church. According to present plans the building will cost approximately \$7,000.00 and will be brick veneer.

### PURCHASES BAKERY.

N. Hancock, formerly of Abilene, has purchased the Pure Food Bakery from Nordyke Bros., and assumed charge of the bakery several days ago. Mr. Hancock is an experienced baker, having been with the J. Sides Co. of Abilene for several years.

Clifford Dowdy was painfully and seriously injured the first of the week by falling while at work at the McDonald and Stith gin.

An election is to be held December 18th on tick eradication in this country. Quarantine has already been issued on the public road from the home of R. H. Dean north to Jones county line. Work has already been

## Fund Raised from Merchants of City for Strings of Colored Lights in Business Portion; Christmas Tree Gift of Lions.

Unless weather prevents by holding off the actual work, streamers of colored lights beaming forth the holiday spirit and a brilliantly lighted and decorated Christmas tree—gift to Merkel from the Lions club—will be turned on Saturday night, and the streets of Merkel will be aglow with the brightness and happiness so emblematic of the season of good cheer.

Streamers of colored lights to be placed along Front street and at street and alley intersections in the main business portion were made possible by subscriptions of merchants along the streets to be lighted; the Christmas tree itself is an outright gift from the Lions club.

Serving as a committee appointed some two weeks ago to outline and report on plans for a Christmas tree here, Milton Case, as chairman, made the suggestion at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club at Ed's cafe that that civic organization present the tree fully equipped and lighted as a gift to Merkel. Other members of the original committee are: R. T. Gray, Joe P. Self and Yates Brown. They enlisted two other committees as follows: tree, Charles H. Jones, assisted by S. D. Gamble, Wrenn Durham, Milton Case and Rev. John H. Crow; decorations, R. T. Gray and W. W. Haynes, co-chairmen.

Suggestion as to holiday street lighting, first made by Henry West, was unanimously received, with the result that a committee was appointed to work out details. This committee, with R. O. Pearson, chairman, and Henry West and Jim Cook, completed their work by Wednesday noon, having succeeded in raising \$75.75 for the purpose.

Local Manager R. T. Gray of the West Texas Utilities company stated that his company would furnish the current for both the tree and holiday street lighting, also furnish the labor of stringing the streamers.

### BUSY CLUB LUNCHEON.

In the absence of President Roy Reid, who was out of the city, Vice-President C. J. Glover presided. Only two absentees were noted after roll call. One visitor, Rev. John H. Crow, a former Lion, was introduced and made some highly interesting comments on the purpose and place of Lionism.

Manager Nesmith of the Queen theatre, speaking to the Christmas plans, announced that his theatre would have a 'kiddies' Christmas party.

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started on a dipping vat on the Dean place on Bettis Heights.

H. Bullock, formerly with the Studebaker Wagon company, came in from Valley Mills the first of the week to accept a position with the Anchor Mercantile company of this place. Mr. Bullock is an experienced hardware man and will assume duties in that department of the Anchor.

Miss Tennie Brown, who is teacher of the Inks school, is at home, sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris, Mrs. M. A. Counts and son, Ernest C. Counts, were in Ringold, Okla., the first of the week visiting Mrs. Counts' daughter, Mrs. Claud L. Gass. The trip was made through the country in Mr. Harris' automobile.

J. E. Pitzer, Jr., of Sweetwater, formerly of this place, was checked in as agent of the Texas and Pacific Co. here last week to relieve Ag. Leighty, who was injured Sunday week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and the latter's daughter, Nell and Lucy Tracy, spent Thanksgiving in Hillsboro, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B.

## A REAL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

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## BARGAIN RATES NOW IN EFFECT

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS. SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to O. J. Adcock, President of the Board of Trustees, Merkel Independent School District, Merkel, Texas, for the construction of an addition to a two-story high school building in accordance with the plans, specifications and instructions to bidders, prepared by David S. Castle Company, architects, will be received at the office of the Board of Trustees, Merkel, Texas, until 10 a. m. Dec. 12, 1935, and then publicly opened and read. The owner has available for this contract approximately \$16,000.00.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Merkel Independent School District, which will contain provisions conforming with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, and revisions thereof and the special requirements of the State Director, PWA.

A cashier's or certified check, payable without recourse to the order of Merkel Independent School District, or an acceptable bidder's bond, in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute a bond on the forms provided, as outlined in the specifications and instructions to bidders.

A performance bond, in an amount not less than one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and upon the payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials, will be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing rates of wages as established by the Merkel Independent School District (owner), approved by the State Director, PWA, and as herein set forth must be paid on the project, namely:

The labor classification and minimum wage scale below have been determined by the owner and in accordance with the statutory and PWA requirements and the prevailing local wages, and shall govern on all work performed by the contractor in connection with the construction of the project covered by these specifications. The bids submitted are based on not less than the rates of pay indicated in this pre-determined labor classification and minimum wage scale. In no event shall rates of pay be lower than those established by recognized unions operating in the community at the time of the bid opening.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the proposal.

SKILLED MECHANICS, WHOSE MINIMUM RATE SHALL BE \$1.00 PER HOUR, EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW:

Table listing wages for Bricklayer, Carpenter-Finish, Forms, and Rough.

Table listing wages for Caulker, Building openings, Cement finisher, Electrician, Form setter-buildings, Gas fitters, Glazier, Iron worker-structural, Lather-metal, Foreman, Mason-stone, Operators, Mixer (over 5 bags), Motorized equipment, Power saw.

Table listing wages for Painter, Plasterer, Plumbing, Roofer-composition sheet metal, Reinforcing steel wkr., Sheet metal worker, Steam and/or pipe fitter.

SEMI-SKILLED WORKERS (Rates per hour)

Table listing wages for Apprentices (all trades), First year, Second year, Third year, Assistants, Electrician helper, Gas fitter's helper, Handyman (all trades), Kettlemen-Asphalt, pipe jointing material and/or tar for roofing, Labor foreman, Leader-fresnoe less than four up and slip scraper, Mechanic (repairman), Mortar mixer (brick and plaster), Operator.

Table listing wages for Power saw, Truck-1 1-2 ton and/or over, Under, Winchman (nigger head), Plowman, Reinforcement placer, Roof-tar and gravel mop man, Shorer, trench, bracing, etc., Teamster-More than three up, Waterproofing mopman, Window cleaner, Serving laborer, laborer who delivers material to a mechanic as the last operation prior to the installation or assists the mechanic without using tools on union projects.

UNSKILLED WORKERS

Table listing wages for Common laborer, Teamsters-less than four up, Watchman (under 30 hr. per week), Waterboy, messenger, cook 30 to 40 hr. per week, \$12.00 per week, over 40 hr. per week, Clerical force, under 30 hrs., 30 to 40 hrs. weekly, \$12.00 to \$16.00.

The award of the contract shall be conditioned upon funds being available, and the Merkel Independent School District (owner) shall have the right to hold the bids for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the date on which bids are opened. Contract will be awarded subject to the approval of the State Director, PWA. The owner reserves the right to re-

ject any and/or all bids and to waive any and/or all formalities. Plans and specifications may be procured from David S. Castle Company, 1082 1-2 N. 1st Street, Abilene, Texas, upon a deposit of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as a guarantee of the safe return of same. Five dollars (\$5.00) will be deducted from the deposit to pay cost of blue printing, etc. Merkel Independent School Dist. By O. J. Adcock, President, Board of Trustees.

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List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

Lewis McGaughey, J. A. Neighbors, L. J. McLaughlin, G. H. Bryant, Herman Abernathy, H. D. Clark, B. H. Stallo, Merkel; W. W. Brown, E. H. Higginbotham, James Burkett, B. G. Gray (colored), W. B. Babb, Robert C. Rankin, J. E. Buster, J. W. Mayfield, Jr., Paul Jones, O. T. Daugherty, Omage Rogers, J. T. Newman, Tom Carpenter, T. O. Mason, A. D. Shipley, O. L. Trout, H. L. Richards, L. M. Buchanan, C. W. Dick, Wade Lane, Bill Potter, C. M. High, J. W. Chaney, Wade H. Denton, T. L. Tillett, George B. Bowers, Riley Horton, A. J. Sumrall, J. M. Stowe, Abilene; Levi Hefley, H. A. Watkins, Lawn; O. L. Henson, Wingate; W. B. Wade, Arthur Burleson, Willie Akin, L. F. McCormick, Tuscola; L. B. Elliott, J. W. Cochran, Ovalo; N. G. Braune, Tye; L. C. McCarvery, Buffalo Gap; W. D. Smith, Goldsboro; Andrew Hardy, Bradshaw; S. N. Edenborough, Guion.

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## Sports Edition

### SENIORS LEAVING THE BADGER TEAM.

Graduation will get eleven of our Badgers and those are: Victor Joyner, etc Morgan, Zerk Robertson, Horace Coney, Murry Toombs, Willie B. Toombs, Cline Satterwhite. Robert Higgins, Winston Polley, Marvin Ber-

and R. T. Blair. The Senior class is proud of these because they have been the leaders on the football squad. We, M. H. S. student body, wish you success and hope you all star your college football teams.

### SENIORS IN PEP SQUAD.

The Pep Squad absolutely couldn't have existed without the help of the senior girls. Who can fill their places next year? Some of them will probably be members of Pep Squads wherever they attend college. How do you repay these girls for the part they have fulfilled so faithfully?

There's Opal, that grand never fail Pep leader! She really knows the art of leading yells and songs. Who will fill her place next year?

Missie is a member of the Pep Squad this year for the first time. She comes to Merkel High school from Noodle and can she play the piano? Mildred is another gain for Merkel. She is a loss for Noodle. When it comes to singing Mildred really can sing. Of course, Mabel is a swell Pep girl. She is doing her part, backing the Pep leaders, and yelling for captain and to be Mabel's hobby.

There's Ora, the girl who is always singing, yelling, and backing the Badgers. Ora has been working hard, helping to make the Pep Squad a good one.

Opal is the little blonde who is working in the Pep Squad. This is her first year in Merkel High School and she is really doing her part.

### GOOD MANNERS.

Maybe we Seniors don't know good manners, but we are about to learn. On Friday morning, Nov. 22, at 8 o'clock the Seniors held a meeting for the purpose of learning a few things they didn't know.

President Oscar Adcock presided at the meeting. He called on several classmen who had talks prepared for the occasion.

Talks were given by the following: Hattie Mae Dwiggin on the subject, "Gifts and Cards of Thanks;" Leonard on the subjects, "Borrowing Money" and "Good Manners at Home;" Mildred Sosebee on the subject, "Good Manners While Dining." These talks were very good and the class should have profited by what was said.

### NICKNAMES OF FOOTBALL BOYS.

Victor Joyner's name is "Curley." Oscar Adcock will forever be known as "Oscar."

Walter Mansfield as "Pansy." West will be known as "Cauliflower."

Hutto, coach of the Badgers, giving a lecture one day, "you sometimes learn to block by watching someone else, you can sometimes learn to swim by being shoved in deep water. You should at least make an effort."

Next day Robert Higgins was asked by Hutto and Zerk Robertson, "What's the matter?"

"He followed your advice and tried to fly by jumping off a cliff."

As Patterson: "Every night before I go to bed I write my thoughts in my diary."

Opal G.: "How long have you been in the Pep Squad?"

As Patterson: "For 3 years."

Opal G.: "You probably have the page nearly filled."

Oscar A.: "This match won't light." Oscar G.: "What's the matter with the match?"

Oscar A.: "I don't know. It lit all right last time ago."

Oscar G.: "This theme surely is long. You get your subject in your lectures."

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### BLAIR ITEMS

The Baptist protracted meeting was postponed from Dec. 1 to Dec. 8. The bad weather the past week delayed cotton picking and checked other farming activities. Rev. C. R. Joyner of the First Baptist church, Merkel, and well known evangelist, will do the preaching while Rev. Ted McGehee, the pastor, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton and daughter, Shirley Mae, accompanied Miss Mae Melton to Shawnee, Okla., for a week's stay with relatives.

Misses Edith Akins, Frances Scoggins and Sarah and Neva Malone spent Sunday with Miss Edith Neill of Nubia.

Miss Sarah Malone entertained her Sunday School class in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes last week. After games were played a dainty menu was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Edward Farmer and Wallace Doan enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan and family of Clyde. Others participating in this elaborate affair were; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and son, Ted, Johnnie Ford and Mr. Harper of Clyde.

Rev. Ted McGehee and wife visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.

Zeb Moore and R. E. Windham made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family motored over to Divide and visited in the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Orr, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer were here Thanksgiving day for a dinner in their home at Blair. Special guests for this joyous occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and children, Misses Mabel, Edith, Nell and Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Odie Latimer and son, Jimmie Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and two children, Donald and Rose Myrtle, all of Nubia, and Mr.

and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and children, Odell, Evelyn and Wilbur.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton have been entertaining a big fine girl in their home since Nov. 30. The little lady weighed nine pounds and has been christened Mary Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder, visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Doan, last week-end.

The school program that was rendered Thanksgiving was very fine and was enjoyed by a crowded auditorium.

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**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent of Brownwood were visitors here on Sunday and Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle of Plainview are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beal of Whitney were recent guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walling.

Clements Carey left Friday for Silver City, N. M., after visiting his parents and other relatives here.

Mrs. Charlie Higgins returned Friday after visiting her father, R. D. Allen, at Winfield, for several days.

Mrs. Nell Jones was a week-end visitor with her mother Mrs. W. H. Sanders, who resides west of town.

C. E. Conner, long time resident of this place, has gone to Hamilton, where he will probably spend the winter.

Mrs. Warren Smith visited friends in Fort Worth last week-end, also witnessing the S. M. U.-T. C. U. game.

Miss Leola Varner, who is attending A. C. C., visited home folks in the Stith community during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent visited with friends in Fort Worth last week-end and witnessed the S. M. U.-T. C. U. football game.

Mrs. Tom Toombs and daughters of Meadow have returned home after a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, and other relatives.

Miss Billy Gardner and David Gamble, students in the University of Texas, were home for the Thanksgiving and week-end holidays.

A. T. Sheppard, accompanied by Byron Curb and George West, drove down to Fort Worth Saturday for the S. M. U.-T. C. U. gridiron classic.

W. H. Samuels has returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Everett Beatty, in Fort Worth, having also gone to Hillsboro to visit his mother.

Miss Berdelle Adcock, who teaches in the schools at Menard, was home to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit and sons returned Friday to their home in Dallas after a holiday visit with Mrs. Coit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Misses Frances Marie and Bessylea Church, students in Texas Tech, spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church.

Mrs. Milton Case and little daughter, Creta Key, of Merkel are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Key.—Winters Enterprise.

Miss Duncan Briggs, who is employed in Austin, returned to the Capital city Sunday night after a week-end visit with her mother, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Miss Gertrude Stanley, general music supervisor in the Amherst public schools, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley, near Stith.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock, accompanied by Mrs. Adcock and his brother, R. L. Adcock, went to Gustine Thanksgiving to spend the day with their father, R. A. Adcock.

Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre made a business trip to Dallas the latter part of last week and took occasion Saturday to make the football game in Fort Worth.

Miss Ethel Hamilton returned Monday from a visit in Ft. Worth, Dallas and Denton. She was accompanied by Miss Dahlia Watkins of Abilene, who visited friends in Fort Worth.

Mrs. H. C. Williams left Wednesday of last week to visit her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, at Knox City, also expecting to visit in Fort Worth before returning home.

After a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Clark, and sister, Mrs. Stanley King, Jack Calloway, oil man of Corpus Christi, accompanied by his wife and family, have returned home.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler joined a trio of Abilene ladies, Mesdames Johnny Hawes, Claude Young and Stewart Cooper for the S. M. U.-T. C. U. football game at Fort Worth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Cade, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of the Noodle community spent the week-end in Fort Worth

and witnessed the S. M. U.-T. C. U. game.

The following students from John Tarleton college were home for the week-end holiday: Misses Mary Helen Lancaster and Margaret Miller; Bussy Boaz, Cal McAninch and Lloyd Robertson.

Gordon Murray, who is attending Northwest Texas State Teachers college at Canyon, was home to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray, returning to school Sunday.

A party of four from here, Messrs. Booth Warren and S. D. Gamble and Drs. W. T. Sadler and L. C. Zehn-pfennig joined by L. B. Scott, of Anson, took in the S. M. U.-T. C. U. game at Fort Worth Saturday.

Week-end guests in the J. H. Cook home were Mrs. Cook's sister, Mrs. Charles Watson, and son, Billy, and Messrs. Boyd McClellan and Curtis Fluit. Miss Betty Grimes joined the visitors as a guest for Sunday dinner.

Guests for Thanksgiving in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coates were their two sons, Sidney B. and Ansel Coates, of Fort Worth, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stanley and sons, of Comper, and T. H. Hass, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby of Stephenville, former Merkel residents, are spending a few days here with relatives and meeting old friends. Their son, J. D. Ashby, and Miss Velma Walker also of Stephenville, who accompanied them, returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns and their granddaughter, Ina Mae, Hazel Burns and Minor Burns of Longview, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burns and children, W. E. and Patsy, visited Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Books and family of Sweetwater.

Miss Lorena Dry, who is county home demonstration agent for Bell county, arrived Friday for a visit with her mother, who accompanied her to Clarksville later. Mrs. Dry will remain there for the winter with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. June Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay returned to San Antonio Wednesday to be with their granddaughter, Mary Faye Johnson, who underwent a mastoid operation there. She had accompanied Mrs. Golladay to San Antonio Thursday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, the operation becoming necessary at once. Mr. Golladay went down Saturday and was accompanied home by Mrs. Golladay.

**"Tiny Tot Revue" is Highly Entertaining**

Patrons of the Queen theatre found a most enjoyable entertainment awaiting them Tuesday night in addition to the feature picture, "Going Highbrow."

"A Tiny Tot Revue," featuring local talent of ages varying from two and under to the intermediate class, in clever presentations of some twenty merchants of the city, had been arranged by Miss Vera Culbertson of Hamlin and was staged under her direction.

Cash prize of \$2.00 was the award for first place, given by the judges to Harold Hughes, representing the Hughes Motor company; second prize of \$1.00 was awarded to Joy Frances West, chosen to represent the Merkel Drug company. Honorable mention was given in the order named to: Misses Helen Heester and Anne Lee Blake, presented by Max Mellinger; Barbara Ann Brown, representing Woodrum's Filling station, and John Robert Walker, who appeared for the Merkel Farmers Co-Operative gin.

Other firms and their selections as representatives were:

- Blake's Dry Cleaners, Marjorie Ann Walker.
- Tom's Wrecking yard, Maxine Kerns.
- Rid's Variety store, Jean Acton.
- Woody's cafe, Lon McDonald.
- Conoco station, (Tombs and Guitar), Sarah Jenora Brown.
- Queen confectionery, Maxine London.
- American cafe, Becky Gaither.
- South Side gin, Fred Lee Hughes.
- City Shoe Shop, Minnie Lois Curb.
- Helpy-Selfy laundry, Johnnie McDonald.
- Bullock Hardware company, Jackie Smith.
- Farmers State bank, JoySue Seif.
- Merkel Motor company, Lora Pearl Haynes.
- Sam Swann gin, Dorothy Lee Shannon.
- West Texas Utilities company, Lu-delle Gray.

**Kills Bull Buffalo.**

Bartlesville, Okla., Dec. 5.—Elliott Roosevelt, son of the president, killed a 1,600-pound bull buffalo Tuesday on the private preserve of Frank Phillips, Bartlesville oil man.

**Brunks Comedians to Close Saturday Night**

Brunks Comedians, playing this week in Merkel under the auspices of the Merkel Fireboys, announce the following bills for Friday night, with three shows Saturday:

Friday night, "Here Comes the Bride"; Saturday matinee, "City Wives and Country Relations"; Saturday night, "The Man From Oklahoma," which is one of the late Will Rogers' shows, with the locale in Claremore, Okla., and for the 10 o'clock show Saturday night, "Whoop-ee Jamboree."

The admission charge is 10 and 20 cents.

**Auction Sale of Used Implements Saturday**

An auction sale of used implements is announced by the West Co., Inc., for Saturday of this week, Dec. 7, at their barn, south of the railroad.

Two sales will be held, the first starting at 10 a. m. and the second at 2 p. m.

Visitors to the Community Stock and Poultry show are especially invited to look over these implements.

**Burial at Amarillo of Mother of Pastor Gates**

Mrs. C. V. Gates, mother of Rev. P. H. Gates, of Claude, former Methodist pastor here, died Monday, Nov. 26, at her home in Ft. Worth. Burial took place at Amarillo, the old home of the family, on Wednesday.

A grandson, C. R. Gates, of Blair, accompanied by his wife and son, went to Amarillo for the funeral.

Besides Rev. Mr. Gates, two other sons and three daughters survive.

**Southern Methodists Accept Rose Bowl Bid**

Stanford University, Calif., Dec. 5.—Southern Methodist, gridiron conquerors of the Southwest, is Stanford's choice for the Rose Bowl classic at Pasadena New Year's Day.

Selection of the Mustangs and their acceptance of the bid from the Pacific Coast conference representative was announced Sunday night, thus ending a week of speculation as to the challenging eleven.

Southern Methodist, undefeated and untied, is the first team west of the Mississippi river ever chosen as an "Eastern" representative in Rose Bowl play.

Noted as an eleven that uses forward passes as an integral part of its play, it earned the bid Saturday when it defeated Texas Christian, previously undefeated squad, 20 to 14, in a wild and woolly game.

Although Stanford lost to the University of California at Los Angeles, 7 to 6, in an early season game, it walloped California 13 to 6. California had won nine straight games, and topped all Pacific coast teams, until it bumped up against "Bobby" Grayson and his Stanford pals.

**Three Sustain Serious Injuries in Collision**

Serious injuries were sustained by three persons in a two-car collision at the intersection of the crossing east of the Burton-Lingo yard with the highway at about 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger, going south, turned into the highway at this crossing, the other car being driven by Elmer Dunn, of Coahoma, who with his wife and others were going to Abilene to carry his son and two other college boys from Coahoma back to school.

Mrs. Ensminger received injuries about the head, shoulders and arms, while Mr. Ensminger's hand and leg were cut and bruised, several stitches being necessary. They were treated at Grimes hospital and carried to their home Sunday night.

Mrs. Dunn, wife of the driver of the other car, sustained a bruised knee. She, her husband and little daughter and a niece, Miss Gladys McGregor, also of Coahoma, spent Sunday night in the E. C. Richards' home. Miss McGregor, a niece also of Mrs. Richards, returned home Monday, while the Dunsns went to Big Spring.

**Elect Robert T. Wood Teacher of History**

To fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Carey Pearce, who has resigned to accept a place in the state highway patrol, Robert T. Wood of Abilene has been elected teacher of history in the Grammar school.

He holds a B. A. from Baylor university and has had six years experience teaching in Concho county.

Mr. Pearce's resignation becomes effective Friday of this week.

**Two Grammar Clubs Hold Joint Meeting**

A joint meeting of the Quarter Century club and the Vigil-Antes club was held in the Grammar School auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The house was called to order by the counsellor, Miss McQuary, after which Becky Gardner, president of the Quarter Century club, took charge.

First on the program was a play of two acts. The play was written by Dora Marie Gaither and Tommy Evelyn Grimes. The name of the play was "Thanksgiving Day in the Home of Good English and Bad English." The characters were: Mary Ellen Derington, Mary Lou Higgins, Forrest Glen Barnett, Byron Bryant, Betty Lou Higgins, Becky Gardner, Dora Marie Gaither, W. D. Bland, David Gibson and Omylc Dowell.

Between acts Frances Marie Foster gave a reading, Geraldine Teague told a story and Gertie Lou Pee gave a reading.

Then the watch committee gave their report on who spoke bad English.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 13.

**Free Motion Picture, Demonstration School**

In connection with the free motion picture and lubrication school, announced for Friday and Saturday of this week in the West building, H. M. Neighbors, of Fort Worth, connected with the industrial department of the Magnolia Petroleum company, will be in Merkel.

The exhibition will include talking and motion pictures of an interesting nature, showing Boulder dam construction, Century of Progress, twine manufacture, tractor farming and poultry and stock raising with various other subjects.

The demonstration shows the proper way to care for and lubricate tractors.

**MATTHEWS-PALMER.**

Mr. Jack Matthews of Munday, Texas, and Miss Ollie Palmer, of Merkel, were quietly married in the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday at 7 p. m. Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, officiating.

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### Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary at Duncan

Judge and Mrs. R. C. Young, former Merkel residents and now citizens of Duncan, Okla., observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary in November, Duncan papers carrying a double column cut of the elderly couple. Their five children were with them for the celebration.

Judge Young is now a justice of the peace in his home town, having previously been city marshal for one year and night patrolman for ten years. They were married in Fayetteville, Tenn.

Mrs. Young will be remembered as a sister of the late J. A. Miliken.

#### Canadian Auto Toll 1.108.

News, Ont., Dec. 5.—A total of 1,108 Canadian cars died last year, a record issued by the dominion statistics reveals. Another 1,000 were injured.

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### NOODLE NEWS

Health of our community is generally good, with the exception of colds. Mrs. Roy Cox and children of Breckenridge are here, the guests of Mrs. T. B. Cox and Waldo Cox and family.

Cecil Justice, who is attending A. C. C., spent Saturday night with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Crow had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. Brant Hare and Mrs. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine, of Merkel.

Miss Leona Sosebee and Mrs. Leta Barbee attended the home-coming at A. C. C. Saturday. They were students of 1932 and 1906, respectively.

Roy Jacobs of Ballinger spent the week-end here, a guest in the O. L. Justice home.

Mrs. Hester Brewer and children of White Flat are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Miss Margaret Calloway has accepted a position in a beauty parlor at Abilene.

J. E. Sprain has been confined to his bed the last week with "flu".

J. D. Sosebee spent Saturday night at Merkel, the guest of Winston Polley.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Bell pulling is the order of the day. Some of the farmers are breaking and preparing for another crop.

We are glad to report the condition of J. E. Sprain improved. He has been sick sometime with the flu.

Prof. F. T. Bell and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives at DeLeon.

Emmitt Womack and family of El Capitan, N. M., spent the holidays here with relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. T. E. Goode, mother of Mrs. Womack, who had been at the bedside of another daughter, Mrs. Sallie Cousins, who has been sick for sometime.

O. C. Sosebee, who is employed by the Petty Engineering company, returned from Wyoming last Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee, before going to South America where he expects to work.

Mrs. C. B. Jinkens and children and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and son, Roger, and daughter, Ava Ruth, visited Mrs. Ruby Hayhurst of Anson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herring attended the football game at Fort Worth Saturday.

J. S. Bird and Odell Eoff went to Fort Worth last Friday on business.

A. C. Sosebee and family spent Thanksgiving day at Stamford, the guests of G. G. Cantrell's family.

Mrs. A. J. Barbee and children of Merkel spent the holidays on their ranch near Noodle.

Miss Marie Ward of Meadow spent the holidays here, the guest of Miss Margaret Calloway. Returning home Sunday, she was accompanied by Miss Margaret Calloway, Gerald Derrick and Davis Williams.

### Chevrolet Sets New Record First 20 Days

Chevrolet retail sales during the first 20 days of November totalled 60,707 units, nearly double the previous high record for that period, it was announced at the offices of the Chevrolet Motor Co., Detroit.

Only once in Chevrolet history, in 1926, has the sales total for the whole month of November exceeded that for the first 20 days of the present month, the records show. Since the November, 1926, figures was only about 5,000 higher, the current November will be, by a wide margin, the greatest in the history of the company.

The new 20-day record, following the introduction of new models Nov. 2, is nearly three times as great as the best previous post-announcement 20 days since January, 1928. With the exception of April, this year, there has not been a first 20-day period in any month to equal it since April, 1936.

To assure an adequate supply of cars to meet the record demand, production has been stepped up beyond the 100,000 units originally projected for November. A new high mark for a single day's production of 1936 models was reached Nov. 22, officials reported, when more than 6,000 units rolled off the assembly lines.

**Sister of King George Dies.** London, Dec. 5.—Princess Victoria, sister of King George, died early Tuesday. She was the fourth child and second daughter of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. The princess, who was 67 years old, never married.

**Two full lines of cosmetics—Marie Tomlin's and Boyer's—Vick Drug Company.**

### Christmas Tree

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ty on the Saturday before Christmas. Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, tail twister, outlined plans for the development of a new "Baron Munchausen" out of the local club ranks.

#### LIST OF DONORS.

The following merchants and individuals contributed a total of \$75.75 for the holiday street lighting:

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Fourth grade—Clinton Bird, 92; Ernest Henderson, 90.

Fifth grade—Donald Cade, 92; Harold Sosebee, 91; Mary Jo Bicknell, 90.

Sixth grade—Iris Eoff, 93; Charles Carter, 91; James Cox, 91; Juanita Henderson, 90.

Seventh grade—Nellie Joye Rutledge, 95; Imogene Bird, 90.

Eighth grade—Geraldine Sloan, 95; Julia Gita Bumpass, 92; Dorothy Jean Jackson, 91.

Ninth grade—Johnnie Chadwick, 91; Margaret Goode, 90.

Tenth grade—Mozelle Sosebee, 90; Syble Marie Sampson, 90.

#### LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Pence cafe, formerly located on Kent street, has moved to the building on Lamar street between the Greene studio and the Pence wagon yard, which has been remodeled and given a fresh coat of paint and interior finish.

L. L. Murray has purchased the W. O. Boney residence in Northwest Merkel, the consideration being \$1,500, and will take possession about the 15th. Mr. Boney expects to occupy the house on Oak street which he has owned for several years and in which Tom Durham and family now reside.

Delivery was completed this week of a bunch of extra fine Hereford heifers to Largent and Stephens at Brownwood, W. S. J. Brown being the seller.

The Merkel schools will close from Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, until Monday morning, Dec. 30, for the Christmas holidays, it was decided at the monthly meeting of the school board Tuesday night.

Condition of W. J. Higgins, who was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Sunday for surgery, was reported as fairly good Thursday morning.

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## FIRST INSTALLMENT.

Ben Furlong came to the Southern oil field looking for work. He was very dusty and quite hungry when at last he stopped in at the Durham House.

This was a rather better-looking place than the average Texas homestead, and when he knocked at the kitchen door a girl appeared who was very much better-looking than the average Texas homesteader. She was, in fact, a very pretty girl.

She readily fetched Ben a drink of water, and while he rested she talked to him. That was, no doubt, because of his smile. He informed her that he had been raised in the Pennsylvania fields and was a good, practical oil man.

There being no chores to do, Ben sat in the kitchen and chatted with the girl while she cooked something for him, and in the course of their conversation he learned that her name was Betty Durham, that her parents were dead, and that the farm belonged to her aunt, with whom she had lived ever since she was a little girl. The aunt had gone to Opportunity in the family flivver.

"Funny, you cooking for a tramp driller like me and your aunt owning acreage like this," Ben remarked. "Isn't this land on the structure?"

"Sure! It's worth a lot of money. That well over yonder"—fork in hand, Miss Durham indicated aerrick not far away—"belongs to us."

From where he sat Furlong could see that the timbers of the tower were still bright and unstained, thus advertising the melancholy fact that the well itself was not a producer, so he inquired:

"What's wrong with it? Dry?"  
"Dry nothing! They're not down yet. They've got a fishing job—been at it for a couple of weeks."

"Gee!" The visitor shook his head. "That's running somebody in debt."  
"When the first oil talk commenced

we'd of been glad to get the farm drilled on most any kind of royalty, but nobody would lease it. When they finally got ready, Aunt Mary wanted a bonus—two bits an acre—and she wouldn't listen to Uncle Joe's arguments. By and bye they offered two bits, but by that time she wanted a dollar. Then the companies got together, or the boom kind of petered out, or something, and it began to look as if Uncle Joe would be lucky to make any kind of a deal. He finally laid his cars back and leased a small block. Then he up and got killed."

"That's too bad."  
"It was an accident. A powder wagon on let go." The speaker's face grew wistful, she stared out across the arid countryside for a moment or two. "Uncle Joe loved me, but—Aunt Mary's his second wife; we're not really kinfolks. It might just as well have been Maddox who got killed; he was as close to the wagon as Uncle Joe and yet he wasn't touched. Funny too, because he's always been afraid of the stuff and has a hunch he'll be blown up. All you have to say to him is 'powder' and—"

"How'd your aunt come to put down this new well?"  
"Maddox drilled the well on the lot we leased, and after Uncle Joe was killed he quit the company and sort of took charge of things for Aunt Mary. It wasn't a big well, but the royalty is enough to pay for this one. I won't cook any more ham and eggs, so you'd better make the most of these. Yes, and you'd better come and get them; they're done." Miss Durham set a plate on the table and Furlong drew up his chair.

With the curiosity natural to his calling, the visitor inquired more specifically about the nature of the mishap that had halted Maddox's progress, but he learned little. He inferred, however, that the royalties from the first well were dwindling at an alarm-

ing rate and that any considerable delay in completing the new well might therefore result in ruin to the owner. It was a prospect that naturally gave Betty and her aunt grave concern.

When Ben had finished eating he said: "Maybe I can give this driller of yours some help. I've worked on a good many fishing jobs. D'you think he'd let me try?"  
"He will if I tell him to," the girl declared. "He's tried everything anybody has told him to try. Who knows? Maybe you can do it."

The speaker put on her sunbonnet and together she and Furlong went across the valley to the well.

Tiller Maddox was a swarthy man of about thirty-five; his eyes were bold and black and set close together. He greeted the Durham girl with an easy familiarity, a suggestion of proprietorship that gave the visitor cause for thought, but towards Furlong he was none too cordial and when Betty explained the reason for the latter's presence Maddox frowned.

"Another wise guy, eh? Every rope-checker in ten miles has been tryin' to show us how smart he is. What d'you know about fishin', stranger?"  
"Not much," Ben confessed, "but I've had some luck."

"Oh, I've had plenty of luck, myself!" Maddox asserted. "But I never had any good luck lettin' strangers monkey with my work. If you jim up the well, I take the blame."  
"I won't jim anything."

"What'll you charge for this here mirack of yours?"  
Impatiently Miss Durham exclaimed, "What's the difference how much he charges if he can do—?"  
"I've been paid for any help I can give you," Furlong declared. "Probably I can't do anything, but so far I don't even know what's wrong. Do you mind telling me?"

"We've got a bolt in the hole."  
"A bolt?"  
"Sure! A six-inch steel bolt. It work-

ed loose and dropped out of a tool."

"That's a new one," Ben admitted. "Why don't you drill it out, pound it to pieces?"

Maddox grinned. "That's what we been tryin' to do, but it's tempered harder than the bit. It dulls every tool we use and all we been doin' for two weeks is sharpen steel."

"Can't you drill past it?"  
"How you goin' to sidetrack a six-inch bolt loose in the bottom of a hole?"

"You can drive it into the wall."  
"Oh, you can, can you? We're into a stratter of iron pyrites an' the rock's dam' near as hard as the bolt. It's much as ever a tool will cut if at all. That bolt just shifts around in the bottom of the hole like it was in a steel cup, an' it's too small to grapple. I s'pose we could get holt of it with some fancy kind of a magnet if we could get holt of some fancy kind of a magnet that would get holt of it."

Again Maddox grinned.

Betty Durham was staring as Furlong with an apprehensive pucker between her brows. "Ain't that our luck, for a little bitty old bolt to ruin everything! Can you think of any way—?"  
"I can think of one way that won't cost much to try."

"I don't want any strangers experimentin' around—" Maddox began; but the girl exclaimed, sharply.

"You've been experimentin' for two weeks at a hundred dollars a day, haven't you? It's our well. Let Mr. Furlong have a go at it."

The driller executed an exaggerated gesture of acquiescence. "Right you are, Betty! But if this feller puts it or the bum, don't blame me." Then to Ben he announced: "Help yourself, pardner. You heard the boss."

When Furlong had fully satisfied himself as to conditions he took off his coat and went to work. He knew of no fishing tool so designed as to pick up an object so small and as easily movable as a six-inch bolt, therefore he made one. He took a short length of steel casing of a diameter

small enough to slip into the well, and in one end of this he cut teeth several inches long. It was a labor that consumed time: he was still at it when Betty reappeared at the well about dark and advised him that his supper was waiting.

Mrs. Durham had returned from town. She was a woman of indeterminate age. Her eyes were pale; her nose was hooked like the beak of a hawk; her lips were thin and set in avaricious lines. Immediately upon meeting Furlong she wanted to know whether he believed his experiment would succeed, how he proposed to go about it, how long it would take, and the like. Ben was noncommittal and he refused to raise her hopes. Before he had finished his meal he had convinced himself that the woman stood in some sort of dread of Tiller Maddox and that her fear of antagonizing him almost equaled her anxiety for Furlong's success. Ben wondered why. Another fact he discovered—Betty and her aunt were not on the best of terms.

After supper, by the light of a gasoline torch, Furlong resumed his work while Maddox vainly tried, with the new device which his employer had brought out from town, to grapple that obstinate piece of steel a fifth of a mile beneath his feet. But it was blind work, monotonous work, dispiriting work; time after time the clumsy fishing tool was raised and lowered, but its jaws refused to seize the troublesome bolt. It was a job as hope-

less and as baffling as trying to pick up a pin with a pair of fire tongs attacked to a string.

The engineer of the rig watched Furlong's work with the interest of a fellow machinist, and of him the latter inquired finally:

"Say! How come Mr. Durham to get killed?"

"He was blown up. It was when the Planet Company was getting ready to put down that well on the north-east corner. Maddox was workin' for the company then—movin' the rig on to the ground. A powder wagon came by an' the driver stopped to ask his way. You've seen them trucks—six hundred odd quarts of nitroglycerine in square cans all set in felt-lined racks to keep 'em from jarring. I allus been scared of 'em, but them drivers pound their wagons over these rough roads like it's so much molasses they got. Old man Durham went across to the road and give him directions—he stood there watchin' the wagon as it drove on. The driver was trottin' his horses, an' when he crossed the railroad track it let go. Jar set it off, I s'pose. Tiller says he saw it all, but he don't remember hearin' a sound or feelin' a shock of any sort. All he seen was a big black cloud, an' when he looked for Ol' man Durham he wasn't there. The fence was gone, too."

"What happen' to the driver?"  
"He was returned."

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Miss Doreen Scott of McMurry spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessel and children of Eastland were guests on Thanksgiving of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mathis and daughter of Merkel were recent guests of Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Miss Dollie Wash, who is attending school at Abilene, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash.

Mrs. W. A. Hogue is visiting relatives in Dallas and Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dooley of Linden are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dudley.

John Payne, John Hamner, Henry Lec, Lester Tittle, Harvey Jones and D. H. Jones attended the game between T. C. U. and S. M. U.

Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado was guest Friday night in the T. L. Stevens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Iland and daughters of Midland were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robinson, also visiting other relatives.

Mrs. John A. Woodard, who has been visiting her parents in Arizona, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nalley returned Monday from a trip of several days in East Texas.

J. E. Halbrook, section foreman on the Santa Fe, is taking his first vacation since beginning work in 1918.

The first part of the week he attended the Masonic Grand lodge in Waco, the latter part of the week he and Mrs. Halbrook went to Bailey county where they will visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Halbrook.

The families of J. B. Winn and C. C. Stribling and Hubert Beckham hunted pecans and had lunch at Buffalo Gap on Thanksgiving.

Gordon Young, an employee of the Bell Telephone company of Dallas, and Mrs. Young were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cribble.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr., of Odessa, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Poor of Carlsbad and W. R. Poor of Sterling City were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Poor.

Mr. and Mrs. Caz Lankford and little daughter, Joy, Mrs. H. F. West and J. P. Stevens made a trip to Dallas last week, the ladies visiting in Fort Worth while the Ford dealer, Mr. Lankford, and Mr. Stevens went

on to Dallas to attend to business. The latter drove a new V-8 home.

The box supper at the school auditorium on Nov. 25 was well attended. The money received on boxes and on votes amounted to more than forty dollars, for which the sponsors of this supper are very grateful. The proceeds will go to the basketball teams for new suits, etc. They also want to thank the business men of the town, whose donation was more than \$50.00.

The football game played here Wednesday afternoon between Trent and the Sweetwater juniors resulted in a victory for Trent, the score being 12 to 0.

Miss Mildred Steadman of C. I. A. spent Thanksgiving holidays with the home folks.

Miss Maggie Payne and Mrs. Andy Shouse left Tuesday of last week for San Antonio to attend the State Teachers meeting.

Principal Blankenship spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents at Stephenville.

Miss George Helen Lee of Abilene High spent the holidays with home folks.

Misses Thorpe and Mary Eva Nichols spent the holidays with home folks at Abilene.

Quite a little improvement is going on at the Phillips camp, a number of houses are being re-roofed and painted, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessel, Dow and Billy Mae of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bondy Vessel and daughters, Annette and Wilma Lou, of White Flat, and Mr. and Mrs. Pink Vessel and daughter, Janice Gail, of Trent, were dinner guests on Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel.

Little Talmadge Vessel of Goodman was week-end guest of his grandparents and friends.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. On Saturday, Nov. 23 when was the 94th birthday of Mrs. S. L. Phillips, lovingly called Grandmother by all who know her, a host of friends and relatives gathered for a birthday dinner and all-day festival.

The informal reception, which was held in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Joe Winter, was a surprise for the honored guest, who has lived here for the past 47 years and despite her years she is still very active in church work.

Guests at the bountiful lunch were: Mrs. Belle Powell, Buena Vista; Mrs. Minnie McGregor, J. D. McGregor, Dollie McGregor, Elva Joe McGregor, Lilly McGregor, Knott; Mrs. S. E. Pomroy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mr. and

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FAMILY REUNION. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy was the scene of a family reunion Sunday, Dec. 1. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Simmons, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abernathy; Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy, Trent.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB. New officers were elected by members of the Trent Home Demonstration club on Wednesday as follows: Mrs. Rogers, chairman; Mrs. H. F. Ogletree, vice-chairman; Mrs. Hosea Winn, secretary-treasurer, re-elected; Mrs. John Payne, council member and reporter, re-elected. Mrs. Stanley Armour will be the next year's food supply demonstrator and Mrs. Boots Brown, bedroom demonstrator.

A Christmas festival will be planned at the next meeting in the home of Mrs. Hosea Winn, and a quilt will be completed in this meeting.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS. The ladies of the M. E. church will hold their bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Star Hardware company. They will also serve doughnuts and coffee.

Wednesday night of last week after a service held at the church, as is the custom a real old-fashioned pounding was given the new pastor and family. Many nice and useful things were received and a spirit of fellowship reigned.

The ladies of the church met in their regular Monday afternoon study with a good attendance. They invite others to join in their meetings.

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"POWDER"

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hangin' on a telegraph cross-arm about a hundred yards up the grade. There was a hole thirty foot wide where the wagon had been and the railroad iron was corkscrewed for a quarter of a mile. They found quite a bit of Mr. Durham—enough to hold a funeral over."

"And Maddox wasn't scratched! That stuff certainly acts queer at times!"

"They figgered some air current was responsible. Kind of a Godsend for Tiller, wasn't it?"

"Not to be killed? Sure—"

"Naw! To get in with the widder and Betty. Lucky for them, too, that he took to lookin' out for 'em. If he makes this well they'll be movin' into one of them Dallas mansions with marble besteads."

"Humph! He'll never make a well if he keeps dropping hardware in it. In my country a driller that careless would lose his job."

"Tiller won't lose his job," the engineer asserted, positively. "He don't lose anything he goes after."

In the course of time Furlong finished cutting the end of his steel casing into a series of teeth, and these teeth he then bent slightly inward.

This done, he attached the device to a tool and lowered it into the hole. Even Betty Durham and her aunt Mary, who looked on with growing suspense, understood now how he proposed to pick up that bolt. He had shaped those tapering teeth so that they resembled the curving fingers of a hand, and his

delicate task was to drive the casing home against the steel-hard bottom of the well until those fingers closed, until he clinched them over the obstacle. It was a task less difficult than it sounds.

(Continued Next Week.)

RURAL SOCIETY

BLAIR DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Members of the Blair Home Demonstration club enjoyed a meeting in the home of Mrs. V. L. Doan on Friday, Nov. 29.

New officers were elected and two new members were enrolled. The officers are as follows: president, Mrs. Will Whately; vice-president, Mrs. Otis Moore; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. V. L. Doan, and reporter, Mrs. H. C. King.

Mrs. Luther Orsborne was re-elected council member and Mrs. E. J. Orsborne was re-elected wardrobe demonstrator. Mrs. D. C. Doan was elected recreational chairman.

The next meeting of the club will be Dec. 12, in the home of Mrs. Dusek. Members present were Mesdames Moore, Dusek, E. J. Orsborne, Harris, E. W. King, H. C. King, Will Whately, M. J. Whately, D. C. Doan, V. L. Doan, Ward and Eason.

MEMBERS OF NOODLE CLUB WINNERS IN CONTEST.

Members of the Noodle club are proud of the fact that Mrs. C. C. Bristow, farm and ranch home food supply demonstrator for their club, scored third place in the county contest.

Mrs. Bristow's pantry of 59 varieties contains 581 containers, valued at \$83.33, for a family of two. Besides filling her own pantry with quality products, bearing in mind the club motto, "To make the better best," Mrs. Bristow has given 8 demonstrations in beef canning, 3 demonstrations in tinned making and various demonstrations in canning vegetables.

Mrs. E. T. George, Leuders, scored first place with 1028 containers, 120 varieties, two in family.

Mrs. J. J. Collins, Hawley, scored second prize with 1007 containers, 76 varieties, three in family.

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The guest list included Mesdames Perkins, Horton, Henry West, R. O. Pearson, F. C. McFarland, W. T. Sadler, C. H. Jones, Lige Gamble...

GIDDENS-YEATS.

Marriage of Miss Athelda Louella Yeats, daughter of Rev. E. L. Yeats, former Methodist pastor here...

The bride, who wore a black tunic dress and carried a bouquet of carnations, had as her attendant her sister, Miss Helen Yeats...

Following her graduation from McMurry college, Miss Yeats is teaching for her second term in a ward school at Spurlin-Mr. Giddens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dick Giddens...

SCHOOL BOARD GUESTS AT DINNER.

Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess were hosts on Tuesday evening to members of the school board for a turkey dinner and all the fixins'.

Guests for the occasion were Messrs. O. J. Adcock, W. O. Boney, Fred Hughes, Herbert Patterson, S. D. Gamble and C. P. Church...

HOLIDAY REUNION.

The presence of three sisters of Mr. Whiteley and their families in the W. A. Whiteley home was the occasion for a joyous family reunion centering in a Thanksgiving dinner.

Present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Deshazo and three children, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and three children, Lubbock; Mrs. W. A. Chapman and four children, Blackwell; a niece, Miss Lucille Wimberly, of Lubbock; Kennedy Whiteley, a son, now employed at Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Jr., and son, Paul Arnold, and Miss Lois Whiteley.

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First Baptist Church. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

ALATHEAN CLASS. Ezra could do no more than lead a band of captives 700 miles—four months traveling from Babylon to Jerusalem—that was a man-sized job. He would make them wise in the law of God, Well, that is the task of the Sunday School, explaining the Word of God. Come and hear our teacher. We think she is fine. We had a fine class and a visitor with us last Sunday. Come again. You are always welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. This will be the pastor's day at Baird. Hence, there will be no other service Sunday. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, beginning at 7:30 the 400th anniversary of the English Bible will be commemorated in a program sponsored by members of the Willing Workers and Builders Sunday School classes and the woman's missionary society.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6 p. m. Wednesday evening's program is varying for a time, as Brother Rollins is bringing with him one of the young preachers from A. C. C., who will preach Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

At the New R & R Texas Theatre Sweetwater. Last Times Thursday "SHE COULDN'T TAKE IT" With George Raft—Joan Bennett

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NAZARENE CHURCH. We are glad to announce that our work here is on the upgrade. Good altar services the last two Sunday nights, one being saved each time. We invite all who are not engaged in services elsewhere to come and worship with us.

We are planning for a revival in the near future, and will announce the date next week.

Don't forget Sunday School 9:45 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., and young people's service 6:30 p. m., preaching following. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

We will be glad to have all who can come out and worship with us in all these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. The pastor filled the pulpit of Brother Sheppard at Sweetwater Sunday. In his absence his father, Rev. A. M. Dowell, conducted the services here.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Preaching every Saturday evening at 8:15, Sunday 11 a. m.

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CARD OF THANKS. I desire to thank all of my friends who so kindly helped me in the recent campaign held by the Abilene Times. While I was not fortunate enough to win the car, I was awarded a cash prize of fifty dollars.

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